



CARDINAL NEWMAN CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers

It is with incredibly sadness that I write to you to share the tragic and sad news that one of our beloved year 7 students, Keaton Slater, was fatally injured in a traffic incident on Friday 14th June.

Our thoughts and prayers are with his parents, siblings, family and friends. Please keep them in your prayers and thoughts.

The school will be supported over the next coming days with additional counsellors, our lay chaplains and the staff who will do all they can to navigate students over this extremely sad time.

Keaton was a beautiful, fun loving, popular student, he joined us in September from St Augustine's primary school, we will all miss him, his incredible smile and his wonderful sense of humour.

Students attending school tomorrow will be supported by their tutors.

Experiencing a loss such as this may affect them in a variety of ways and it is very important that children can ask questions and talk about their reactions. For some children a death of someone they know may remind them of some their loss in their lives. For others, this may be their first encounter with death.

Children may display behaviours such as the following:

- Cling closely to adults
- Display regressive behaviours
- Appear not to be affected
- Think about it privately
- Ask a lot of questions
- Appear frightened
- Appear agitated and angry
- Appear sad and withdrawn
- Display difficulty sleeping
- Stomach aches and/or headaches

We suggest that you make an extra effort to listen to your child during this time. It is important that you deal honestly and directly with any questions that he or she may have. Should you have difficulty approaching this issue or if you would like additional information about talking to your child about death, please refer to the bereavement support: [RAINBOW'S SUPPORT in a CRISIS - Rainbows Bereavement Support GB \(rainbowsgb.org\)](http://rainbowsgb.org)

Please do not hesitate to contact the school if we can be of additional assistance to you and/or your child during this difficult time.

Please keep Keaton and his family, friends and our school community in your thoughts and prayers at this very sad time –



Eternal rest grant unto Keaton, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Yours sincerely

E. J. Keaton-